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SUBJ: DAVIS NOMINATION AND OAU RESOLUTION

REF: LAGOS 1709

1. FIRST NIGERIAN EDITORIAL REACTION TO OAU RESOLUTION ON DAVIS NOMINATION APPEARED IN FEBRUARY 26 ISSUE OF NEW NIGERIAN, PAPER JOINTLY OWNED BY GOVERNMENTS OF SIX NORTHERN STATES. IN FRONT PAGE DEFENSE OF OAU ACTION, EDITORIALIST CONTENDS THAT DAVIS NOMINATION IS NOT PURELY DOMESTIC ISSUE AS CLAIMED BY US BUT IS FURTHER SIGN OF POSSIBLE USG INTENTION EXPOSE AFRICAN STATES TO "KIND OF OPERATIONS CIA HAS PERFECTED AND CARRIED OUT IN SOME LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES". PAPER CONCLUDES THAT OAU CM "SHOULD STICK TO THEIR GUNS AND STAND BY THEIR RESOLUTION EVEN IF IT MEANS A SEVERANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH US".

2. WHILE FMG REMAINS OFFICIALLY SILENT ON THIS ISSUE, REGRET EXPRESSED BY MEA PERMSEC (REFTEL) WAS ECHOED TO CHARGE FEBRUARY 25 BY MEMBER OF PERMSEC'S IMMEDIATE STAFF. SOURCE WENT ON, HOWEVER TO EXPRESS PERSONAL VIEW THAT AMBASSADOR DAVIS MIGHT FIND IT "DIFFICULT TO OPERATE" IN ASSISTANT SECRETARY POST IN WAKE OF UPROAR AT OAU. ASSISTANT SECRETARY IS IN EFFECT KIND OF AMBASSADOR

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TO ALL AFRICA DESPITE DOMESTIC NATURE OF HIS POST, AND SOURCE

FELT HE MIGHT NOT BE "WELL RECEIVED" WERE HE TO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT  
CONTINENT AFTER ASSUMING OFFICE.

3. COMMENT: NEW NIGERIAN OFTEN TENDS TO EXTREME VIEWS ON INTER-  
NATIONAL ISSUES, ON WHICH IT DOES NOT IN ANY WAY REFLECT VIEWS  
OF FMG. IN LIGHT NIGERIAN EFFORT TO HEAD OFF OAU RESOLUTION  
DESCRIBED NAIROBI 1644, WE CONTINUE EXPECT FMG WILL MAINTAIN DIGNI-  
FIED SILENCE ON THIS ISSUE.  
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